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$165,000 Call Carol

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1432 SF, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 car garage! Open concept split floor plan with new paint and carpet! SteelView fence in back overlooking the desert! Lots of Privacy Newer AC and water htr! All appliances!
$299,000 call Shelly or Zach!

TOWNHOME! VIEWS! ON CORNER LOT! GATED TOSCANO VILLAS!
1768 SF,3 bdrms, 2 bths, wonderful patio! single level end unit! Private, gated front courtyard too! Loaded with upgrades! Coffered ceilings, Granite counters, Fireplace & it's FURNISHED!
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$69,000 gets you 566 sf, 1 bdrm, 1 bath and carport! Patio offers great views! Private storage/laundry and gas appliances!
$69,000 Call Erma!

GORGEOUS TOLL BROTHERS BEAUTY!
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$610,000 Call Lori

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$278,900 Call Sam!

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Call Erma $469,000

GORGEOUS IN 55+ MOUNTAINBROOK VILLAGE!
1637 sf 3 bdrms, fireplace 2 baths 2 car extended garage! ESTRELLA FLOOR PLAN open, light and bright! ss appliances, Granite counters, new wtr heater and solftner too much to list it all!
$385,000 call Marsha

GORGEOUS PROPERTY IN GATED SIERRA VISTA! VIEWS!
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$640,000 Call Zach & Shelly

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Gila monster that got into our pool and after turning it loose out of yard. Photo & Rescue by Alyce Ancell

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Sunday, March 7th, Try Something New Hosted by Gold Canyon Strong and the community, Courses taught buy your peers to showcase new talents or to learn new skills. More information can be found on Gold Canyon Strong's Webstie: goldcayonstrong.wixsite.com

Monday, March 15h, at 3pm | Interlibrary Kitchen For the first time, two Pinal County libraries host a program guaranteed to fire up your taste buds! Join Leah from Apache Junction Public Library and Megan and Tish from Coolidge Public Library for our virtual cooking event, "Interlibrary Kitchen." Discover new ways to bring cooking alive and learn new recipes from cookbooks available at our libraries. During this cooking connection, we create delicious and healthy concoctions together. Cook along with us from your home or just watch and learn about new recipes. We come to you LIVE from Facebook and Instagram every third Monday at 3:00 p.m. Like @ajlibrary and @coolidgelibrary on Facebook or Instagram so you can view the event from either page, receive a list of ingredients and discover all the juicy/spicy/delicious details.

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Events Continue at Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Check the complete event pages on their website at http://www.btarboretum.org/events or contact the Visitor's Center at 520-689-2723. You may also Email: info@btarboretum.org.

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GREETINGS TO ALL ADOBE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Gold Canyon's Dinosaur Park soon to become a County Park

A Recreational Lease Agreement signed between Pinal County and the Apache Junction Unified School District (AJUSD) states that within 30 days of the sale of the former Gold Canyon Elementary School, the County will assume all responsibility for the Park. The Park will become a County Park and be under the rules and regulations of the Pinal County Open Space and Park System. Dinosaur Park has been maintained by ADOBE for many years, and ADOBE is pleased to have the Park come under the control of the County.

ADOBE is happy to announce that the Gold Canyon Community Church has purchased the school property. ADOBE wishes many blessings on the Gold Canyon Community Church, as Pastor Dave and his wife Jill continue to serve all citizens of Gold Canyon, and their friends, in a cornucopia of community activities and events.

According to a Pinal County Assessment of Dinosaur Park, conducted in September, 2018, some of the aspects that will be addressed by the County as they maintain the Park includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Ensuring the Park meets all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); (2) repainting and repair as needed; (3) new signage; (4) routine clean-up, and removal of aggregate from adjacent Park areas; (5) extension and leveling of walkways; (6) replacement of exiting tables and benches; (7) replacement of lighting fixtures; (8) inspection of all play equipment and play parts to ensure

all equipment is safe; (9) replacing sand with engineered wood fiber, or rubberized resilient surfacing; (10) replacing the existing antiquated electricity and water metering systems; (11) improve security of all electrical equipment; (12) trash and dog waste removal on a routine bases; (13) replacement/repair of water irrigation systems; (14) replacement of plants as necessary; (15) pruning of plants as necessary and the removal of weeds; and, (16) a host of other positive changes that will make the Park a place to go to enjoy the beauty and peace of Gold Canyon.

ADOBE wishes to thank everyone – too many to name - who has made this Park possible. This was a grassroots effort by a few Gold Canyon and Apache Junction citizens and organizations that has evolved into the Park it is today. Special thanks to the AJUSD staff/ruling Board, and Pinal County officials who made the Residential Lease Agreement possible.

Glenn A. Walp

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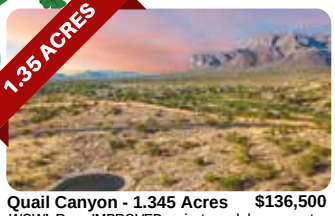

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Superstition Foothills $450,000
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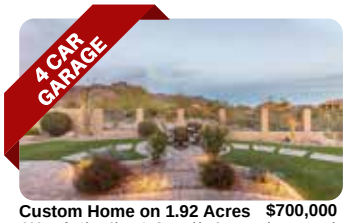

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# of Active, Single Family Homes...6
Median Days on Mkt, Single Family Homes...4
of January Single Family Sales...27

Between $500,001 - $750,000
# of Active, Single Family Homes...15
Median Days on Mkt, Single Family Homes...23
of January Single Family Sales...12

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Nov - April from 8a.m. - 5p.m. No entry after 4p.m.

Most nature walks included with $15 adult daily admission – free to BTA annual members

- Confirm event times and read more at www.btarboretum.org
- connect with more than 12,000 fans (staff, volunteers, annual members) at facebook.com/btarboretum

March Events

Boyce Thompson Arboretum
37615 E Arboretum Way, Superior, AZ 85173

All March Long, Arboretum Discovery Tour |10:00 AM & 1 PM

Discover Arizona's first and oldest botanical garden. With collections from many of the worlds' deserts, you will learn how this myriad of plants are crucial to our survival. Learn what makes desert plants unique and allows them to survive in regions with such low precipitation. This tour will last approximately one hour and cover 0.5 miles. This introduction to Boyce Thompson Arboretum is a great gateway to further involvement at BTA and is accessible for most everyone. Space is very limited so pre-registration is required. Free with Admission

Sundays, Mondays & Wednesdays, Bird Walk | 7:30 AM

Boyce Thompson Arboretum invites all who love birds to take part in birding around the main trail. Arboretum guided bird walks are an ideal way to get into birding and to sharpen your skills. Beginners are welcome. No binoculars? No problem! Ask in our gift shop when you pay admission; loaner binoculars are available. Space is very limited so pre-registration is required. $3 Members/$5 Non-Members

Thursdays, Yoga in the Garden | 9:30 AM

Join this all levels yoga practice in our natural garden setting lead by certified instructor, Deb McClarnon. Deb specializes in yoga therapy and believes yoga is not about perfect postures, it is about discovering what's already inside you. Please come prepared with your own mat (perhaps a towel or blanket too, for extra padding) and weather appropriate clothing as these class will be outside. Join for an individual class or for an entire session. Space is very limited so preregistration is required. $10 per class or $70 for 8 week session

Every Friday, Wildflower Walks | 9:00 AM

Rain or shine, we celebrate wildflowers every spring here highlighting unusual flowering plants such as Marah gilensis (wild cucumber) along with prettier penstemons on these guided walks. Be prepared to follow the blooms for a one hour walk throughout the arboretum's many trails. Comfortable, closed toe walking shoes are a must along with water, a hat and sunscreen. $3 Members/$5 Non-Members

Saturday & Sunday, Wallace Desert Garden Tour | 10:30 AM

Join a volunteer guide for a stroll through the new Wallace Desert Garden. See this relocated collection on a 1-hour walk over approximately half a mile of trail. Learn about the history of its acquisition, its acclaimed and accredited ephedra collection, and many other impressive specimens. $3 Members/$5 Non-Members

March 6th, Beyond Turf Grass: Using Ornamental Grasses in the Home Landscape | 11:00 AM

Join the Superstition Mountain Master Gardeners for their First Saturday program, Beyond Turf Grass: Using Ornamental Grasses in the Home Landscape. Tune in to learn about ways to use ornamental grasses in your garden to create a dramatic, beautiful, and water-wise landscape. Learn what native or native-adapted grasses are available and ways to use them to soften the rougher edges of your desert garden. Use them to add color, form, texture, and sound to your yard. In addition, learn to recognize some invasive grasses that are creating serious problems for our desert environment.

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March 7th & 13th, Edible and Medicinal Plants Tour | 1:30 PM

"On this exploration of the Sonoran Desert, you'll see jojoba, creosote, and other plants while learning of their medicinal and edible uses. Join us to learn how prickly pear cacti, ratany, agave, jojoba and other native plants have fed, healed and clothed Sonoran Desert peoples for more than 1,000 years. Please note: this guided tour explores the Curandero Trail, which has steep sections that are not suitable for visitors who use wheelchairs, walkers or strollers. Space is very limited so pre-registration is required. $3 Members/$5 Non-Members

March 12th, Members Preview Spring Plant Sale | 8 AM

March 13th - 28th, Spring Plant Sale | 8 AM

Choose from over several hundred different species! Our horticulture specialists will be available to help you find the perfect plants. ***MEMBERS GET 20% OFF ALL PLANTS***

Please Note: We have enhanced the layout of our plant sale to allow for improved navigation, plant selection, and maintaining physical distancing. Visitors are asked to observe and follow all posted signage. Masks are required at all times.

March 18, *Virtual Webinar* Welcome Back Buzzards | 6:00 PM

The Spring Equinox marks the return of Turkey Vultures to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum. These fascinating scavengers spend the spring and summer here before departing for their winter habitat in Mexico. Join ASU Professor, Dr. Dave Pearson, for a webinar presentation on Zoom. Enjoy still photos, videos and a presentation from Dr. Pearson all from the comfort of your own home. Free

March 20, *Virtual* Wildlife Lecture Series Arizona's Wildcats | 11:00 AM

Join Arizona Game and Fish Department staff, Jeff Meyers and Cheyenne Dubiach, for a virtual lecture series to learn more about the critters who live in and around the arboretum. Jeff Meyers is a wildlife biologist for the Arizona Game & Fish Department, managing the Watchable Wildlife Program. He has spent his entire adult life studying mammalian carnivores and enjoys the opportunity to educate others about all of the fascinating wildlife species we have here in Arizona. Cheyenne Dubiach is the Watchable Wildlife Program Coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Her educational background is in Forestry and Wildlife Biology. She is an Arizona native who enjoys any opportunity to share her enthusiasm for wildlife with others.

Arizona is home to four different species of wildcats, including the third-largest felid in the world. Wildcats of all species are capable of taking prey much larger than themselves and seemingly impossible feats of athleticism. Feared, vilified, and worshiped, wildcats have had a varied relationship with humans from the beginnings of time. From Jaguars to bobcats, learn about these misunderstood predators, their current ecology and biology. $10 for single viewer and $25 for a family viewing

GOLD CANYON ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS
"The Rhythm of the Dance"

Enjoy a virtual streaming experience as the National Dance Company of Ireland performs "The Rhythm of the Dance" on Friday, March 19, 2021 at 7 pm. This exciting Irish dance troupe's performance comes from the Odessa Opera House on the beautiful shores of the Black Sea.

This performance is internationally rated as one of the most popular Irish step dance shows in the world featuring World and Irish champion dancers and some of the finest musicians and singers. This dance and music extravaganza takes audiences on an exhilarating and exciting energy-packed trip through the ages.

To view this concert, simply go to goldcanyonarts.org, and click on "View Concert". It will be available for viewing until mid-April. There is no charge; however, donations will be appreciated. The concert has been specifically edited for the Gold Canyon Arts Council in cooperation with Producers Inc.

This is the last of GCAC's five-part virtual concert series which was created in lieu of our cancelled 2020-2021 Canyon Sounds Performance Series. We thank our grantors, business sponsors, and members whose contributions made this possible.

The Gold Canyon Art's Council's core mission is its Arts Education Program for underserved students in regional schools, providing: Performing artist in-school concerts, workshops, and master classes; Classical guitar lessons and instruments; Visual arts lessons and supplies.

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GOLD CANYON ARTS COUNCIL DONATES $1,700 OF ART SUPPLIES TO SCHOOLS

In addition to providing music education to schools, the Gold Canyon Arts Council also provides art education and supplies through its "Leland Wilson Art Project". The project provides:

- A professional visual artist in residence, selected by GCAC, to work with art teachers and students in the Apache Junction Unified School District
- Drawing, painting, and design materials facilitating student participation in school or at home

This year, GCAC donated $1,700 of art supplies to two schools through the effort of our two Art Project co-chairs, Kathy Mitchell, a retired art teacher, and Dr. Mary Stokrocki, professor of art at ASU. Kathy and Mary worked with art teachers at AJHS and Cactus Canyon JHS to determine needs and a wish list.

Kathy contacted Dr. Chris Lineberry, Principal, and Taylour Freed, art teacher, of Apache Junction High School. She also contacted Principal Chad Cantrell and Allison Baumann, art teacher, of Cactus Canyon JHS. Both teachers expressed that students needed basic drawing, painting and design materials such as sketch books, markers, colored pencils and watercolor sets with brushes and mixed media paper. Kathy and Mary then worked with Blick Art Supplies in Tempe and delivered the ordered art supplies to the schools in time for the second semester.

The donated art supplies will provide materials for 280-300 students. Both art teachers were pleased to receive them saying "This is an incredible thing you are doing for the schools and our art departments. I am overwhelmed with appreciation". Also, "this is wonderful and extremely helpful because I'm trying to navigate teaching art without having kids share supplies".

Funds for this project were raised from GCAC's education budget and sales from a recent arts and crafts fundraiser.

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SAIGON NOM'S

This tiny, quaint, little restaurant hides an amazing culinary adventure for one's taste buds that is hiding in the shadows of the Superstition Mountains.

Let's start off with the bread, Banh mi (Vietnamese for bread) style baguettes…. OMG this bread is indescribable. The crunch from the French style baguette, but the soft fluffy and airy inside plays tricks on the senses and pairs with these sandwiches like the hand of an angel helped make them.

The filling is always a fresh pickled Daikon style vegetable base. Having been there multiple times so I can say that with every visit and every sandwich I encountered, the pillowy pockets of yummy were brimming with freshly chopped veggies. The ingredients are almost as amazing as the bread (who doesn't love carbs, right?).

The meats are a very high-quality choice cut, the Pâté is creamy and delicious, the aioli is house made and man oh man is it delicious. They also have a full menu including rice bowls, hot plates, and BBQ chicken. TRUST us you will be back to try everything on the menu.

Vietnamese style coffee, if you never had a coffee like this then give it a shot because it's a step above from the mainstream. They also offer fresh tea's with real fruit infusion, milk teas, sparklers and so much more for a refreshing palate cleanse in between bites.

Saigon Nom's also offers fresh spring rolls (a must) hand wrapped when ordered, fried eggrolls (fried food, need we say more?) and fresh crab wonton's (my favorite!).

Everything that we have tried was amazingly fresh and full of flavor, for a nice little taste of Saigon. We highly recommend Saigon Nom's as a go-to for a healthy alternative that is anything, but ordinary.

Prices are very market friendly, for a full meal it was $18 for two adults (same as fast food if not cheaper).

Delivery speed was impressive, it took 12-15 minutes on average for the food to be made, now keep in mind that everything was scratch made and nothing was sitting on a hot plate or in a hot window until you ordered it. The special nom takes a little longer to make as do the spring rolls, but freshness is always paramount to delivery speed.

Saigon Nom's is located at 1200 West Apache Trail (next to Chase bank) open Monday through Saturday 10:30am-7:30pm. Their phone number is (480) 474-0970. Due to the ensuing pandemic their dining room is closed, but they offer outside dinning and take away, if you are in a hurry call your order in ahead of time.

You can follow us on facebook @apachejunctionfoodbloggers, contact us via messenger for any questions or suggestions about a restaurant you would like to see reviewed. Until next time, happy eating my friends!

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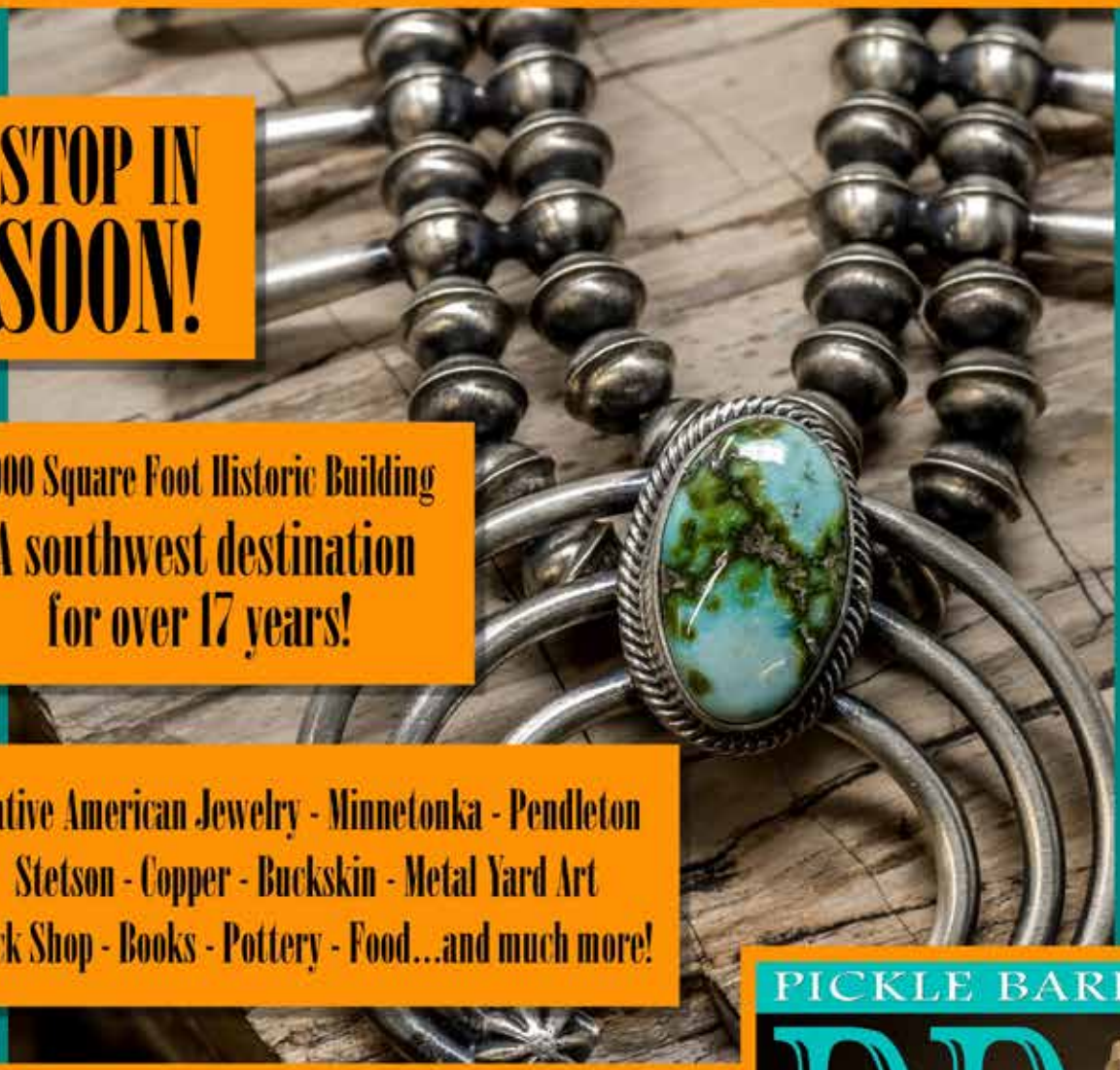

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WEED CONTROL

A weed can be defined as any plant growing where you do not want it to grow. In our Sonoran Desert landscapes, most anything can be considered a weed since we seem to revel in large gravel yards with plants few and far between.

How do you keep these expansive open areas free of weeds?

Well, you could pull, hoe or run a weed eater over them, which could prove detrimental to your gravel ground cover and require a bit of sweat.

You could get a goat, which has obvious drawbacks but could be quite entertaining in these days of covid.

Back east, they get proactive and put plastic or another fabric type weed barrier underneath the gravel. This does not work as well in our hot climate. In a few years, the material disintegrates and starts to feather up through the gravel. The whole mess, gravel and all must be removed.

Chemicals provide an efficient and widely used alternative to the above methods.

There are two types of chemicals: pre-emergent and post-emergent.

Pre-emergent prevent seeds from germinating by attaching to clay particles in the soil where the roots of a germinating seed encounter it. The chemical mode of action only affects tissue specific to seedlings and will not harm existing plants.

If weeds are visible, you must rely on post-emergents. Here again there are two categories of chemical: contact and systemic. Contact herbicides kill on contact with the plant's leaves, usually within a few days or even hours, but only the above ground part of the plant is killed leaving the root to sprout next season. Examples of this class of chemicals are 2-4-D and Diquat. Systemic chemicals are absorbed into the plant and travel from its leaves to the roots thereby killing the entire plant, Round-Up is a well-known example.

A word of caution: most of these chemicals can be purchased at your local hardware store and are good at doing what they claim to do, but you MUST read and follow label directions correctly to achieve good weed control safely. In the case of chemicals, more is NOT better, and education can go a long way to keep you and the environment safe.

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The Rotary Club of Superstition Mountain recently held its 20th Annual Golf Tournament at Gold Canyon Golf Resort, the field was sold out with 127 players! With 8 on stand-by!

The players enjoyed a Shotgun Start playing the Dinosaur Mountain course, an Arizona course consistently rated among Arizona's top public golf courses. Every year this tournament becomes more and more popular, this year it sold out in three-weeks!

The day of the event, although cool and cloudy we had NO Rain!

Ball Drop – this year our volunteers SOLD ALL 1000 tickets to our annual ball drop – This year again, with the cooperation with Superstition Fire and Medical and their Ladder Truck 264 – the balls were dropped and two rolled into the hole, the sad thing, only one was sold! Of the two Ball number 32 belonging to Ticket 5032 was declared the winner. The ticket was sold by Rotarian Dr. Krista Anderson – Congratulations!

Our Silent Auction was also a great success and where our many volunteers were able to get every item bid on and sold!

We graciously thank ALL the players, friends, and family for attending, playing and making this event a success under these times of COVID-19 – As important as the players are ALL the Corporate Sponsors who again, like years past without hesitation supported Rotary, our community outreach, and scholarships. Arizona Water; Elise Otero and Otero Realty/ Property Management; Matt Ruppert and Edward Jones; Dr. Tracey Yamomoto and Apache Family Dentistry; Aaron McDermid and State Farm Insurance; Patrick Boris Anytime Auto Glass; Brian Kabat and Frontier ACE Hardware; Mike Sheridan and Sheridan Law.

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Special recognition to ALL our volunteers for outperformed and making this a record setting 20th Anniversary event.

Thanks to Michael Owens, Tournament Director with Gold Canyon Golf Resort, the entire Gold Canyon staff and management for their continued assistance and guidance to ensure a successful event.

On behalf of Rotary International and our Superstition Mountain Club we thank the communities of Apache Junction / Gold Canyon and beyond for their continued support. We look forward to seeing you for our 21st Annual Tournament!

About Rotary – Rotary International is a 501(c)3 organization with 1.2 million members in 200 countries and 35,000 Clubs. Locally, Rotary Club of Superstition Mountain was Chartered January 1961 (celebrating 60 years in 2021). The Club has 40 members who meet at The Gold Canyon Golf Resort – 6100 Kings Ranch Road every Wednesday from 11:45-1 pm, as well as virtually via Zoom. Weekly meetings provide guest speakers who provide information about businesses and services in and around the area. The Club is open to interested individuals of any age who are interested in being of service to our community.

Are We There Yet?

By Marcia Nelson

Is Winter finally over?
Dare we bring out the summer togs?
Can we pack away the sweaters
and ditch those fireplace logs?

Yes, Springtime in the desert
is a visitor's delight.
But for all the year-round folks
it's a hard earned right!

We've endured the Summer's heat
And waded through the wet Monsoons.
We've tiptoed on hot "cool" deck
amid the hottest days in June!

So, take time to smell the sage
and enjoy the Poppies gold,
for it won't be long until
outdoor time is put on hold.

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HOW CAN WOMEN OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO FINANCIAL SECURITY?

On March 8, we observe International Women's Day, a celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Of course, women still tend to encounter more obstacles than men in the pursuit of financial security. Let's consider a few of them.

To begin with, women are still more likely to leave the workforce, at least temporarily, to raise children, resulting in lower contributions to employer-sponsored retirement plans such as 401(k)s. And women are often the ones who become full-time caregivers of aging parents or other relatives. Caregiving duties can exact a big financial toll: The lost wages, pensions (including 401(k)s and similar plans) and Social Security benefits that a woman loses to become a full-time caregiver amount to more than $300,000 over her lifetime, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Women also may be more susceptible to financial downturns. Consider the COVID-19 pandemic: Just a few months ago, in December, women lost 156,000 jobs, while men gained 16,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also reported that women accounted for 54% of the jobs lost from the pandemic in 2020.

And women are not unaware of their circumstances and outlook. Just 41% of women are confident about retirement, compared with 56% of men, according to a survey by Edward Jones and Age Wave.

But if you're a woman, you can take steps to help improve your financial outlook. Here are a few suggestions:

Take full advantage of retirement plans. If you are still working and your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Put in as much as you can afford each year and increase your contributions when your salary goes up. Also, within your plan, you'll want to choose the mix of investments that can help provide the most growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance. Also, even if you contribute to a 401(k) or similar plan, you may also be eligible to fund an IRA, which gives you even more investment choices.

Evaluate your Social Security options. You can typically start taking Social Security benefits when you're 62, but your monthly checks will be much larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. You might also consider whether you'd be better off by taking spousal benefits, if you're married and your spouse earned more money than you. You're generally even eligible for spousal benefits if you are divorced, as long as you were married at least 10 years and you haven't remarried.

Look for unexpected income opportunities. Even after you've formally retired, you may still find ways to receive some earned income. Perhaps you can work part time or do some consulting. And if you're a caregiver, you might be able to receive some compensation for your work. Many local governments pay non-spouse caregivers who act as personal attendants, although the rules vary greatly by state and county.

These certainly aren't the only ways you can improve your financial status, but they may prove useful to you. In any case, be aware of the challenges facing you and do whatever you can to brighten your future.

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In last month's column (February 2021— "What Is Insulin Resistance?") I talked about the causes and some of the effects of insulin resistance. Introducing large amounts of sugar into the bloodstream through sugary or processed foods triggers an overproduction of insulin that cause the body's cells to become insulin resistant over time, which means that the cells can no longer properly process the sugars they need for energy.

High levels of blood sugars (glucose) can eventually lead to type 2 diabetes, and can damage the vessels that supply blood to vital organs, which can increase the risk of heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, vision problems, and nerve problems.

Signs of Insulin Resistance

A group of symptoms that may indicate insulin resistance, sometimes called "metabolic syndrome," are:

- Large abdominal girth
- Chronic fatigue or lack of energy
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol

Your doctor may test for insulin resistance with a fasting insulin test, a fasting blood sugar test, and a hemoglobin A1C test that measures your average blood sugar level for the past 3 months. Your family medical history and risk factors like diet, obesity, smoking, and an inactive lifestyle are also important to consider.

What Can I Do to Prevent or Reverse Insulin Resistance?

The good news is that many, if not all, of the effects of insulin resistance are reversible! Here are some suggestions for getting on the road to better health and more energy:

- Eat high fiber foods such as raw vegetables and fruits, beans, ground flax, and nuts to prevent blood sugar spikes and overproduction of insulin. That's because these foods take longer to digest and gradually release their sugars into the bloodstream. (This also helps prevent sugar cravings!)
- Avoid refined (processed) foods. These foods have had most of the fiber stripped from them and release their sugar quickly and in large amounts, leading to a "sugar high" followed by a quick drop (hypoglycemia) that can leave you dizzy, tired, and anxious.
- Manage the stress in your life. Stress releases the hormone cortisol, which can raise both blood sugars and insulin.
- Engage in moderate exercise. Thirty minutes of walking or other light exercise 3-4 times a week.
- Eat small, frequent meals and protein snacks (approximately every 3 hours) throughout the day instead of three large meals. This helps keep the blood sugars balanced.
- There are specific natural herbs and supplements that can also be helpful in balancing blood sugars.

Using food as your medicine and making lifestyle choices like reducing stress and increasing exercise can do wonders for your health and your overall enjoyment of life. Be good to yourself by taking care of your body—you deserve it!

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HANDLEBAR PUB AND GRILL

If you enjoy a laid back atmosphere good beer and GREAT food then this is you're place to visit. Lets start off with the selection of craft beer's, it is not small by any means and the selection varies from light blond beers up to craft IPA's from all over the country. Ladies don't worry, they also have a varied selection of wines as well.

Lets get to the FOOD, that's why we are here, RIGHT.. the menu is small and select but don't let that sway you, can they deliver some of the best food in AJ.The burgers are cooked to perfection, flavorful tender and always accompanied by a delicious side of you're choosing (blue cheese potato salad is a game changer) street tacos that are full of flavor and made with tons of LOVE that fill a crispy flour tortilla grilled to perfection. They have a grilled southwest Panini that is mesmerizing to devour. Now for the strictly steak guys and gals well you too can enjoy a nice steak with a cold beer.

The steaks are cooked to order and so far I have been pleased with every steak I have had the pleasure of eating.

Now for a place that does main items on another level, the side items are just as tantalizing. The smoked acorn squash, yeah smoked acorn squash, it is delicious, and the blue cheese potato salad is by far my personal favorite. They also put these fancy pickles in some of the food items that are a mind blowing experience. For those with a sweet tooth, they do have a baked cookie with ice cream and cheese

cake but, lets be honest were there for the beer..

Like the sign says on the door good food is served fast but quality food takes time (or something like that) don't let that dampen you're spirit young man the food always comes out in a very timely manner with no flavor loss.

They are Open Tuesday - Saturday from 11:30 - 10:00 pm, Closed on Sunday and Monday. Handlebar Pub is located at 650 apache trail, apache junction. 480-982-2091 and yes they do accept reservations and to-go orders.

Till next month enjoy you're food and remember to savor the flavor

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Your home is your castle, your own little piece of the American dream. But lately, your little corner of the world has been feeling cramped and you find yourself eyeing those larger homes. Is it time to pull up stakes and move on from your starter home?

Growing Family

If you've added to your family in recent years, you may have more bodies than bedrooms. A two-bedroom home may have been a great idea when it was just you and your spouse, but with two kids, you're starting to have turf wars over the play area.

Overflowing With Stuff

From an overflowing toy chest to closets packed so tightly with shoes and coats you risk an avalanche every time you open the door, your home just doesn't have the space to keep all your things. You may have even had to move some things off-site, spending money to rent storage space to keep that antique dresser your grandmother left you or the set of state spoons you carefully collected during your college years.

No Rest For The Weary

You'd love to spend an afternoon soaking in the tub, but before the warmth of the water can take you away, there's a banging on the door of the only bathroom in the house and a chorus of "hurry up" invading your quiet time. And the man cave you dreamed of? Those visions of a big screen television were shattered by the realization you needed somewhere for the kids to sleep.

No Room For Extras

When you first moved in, the two-car garage doubled as your woodworking shop. Now, the equipment has been sent to storage to make room for the family's second car. You'd love to take up organic gardening, but your tiny yard barely has room for a grill and a lawn chair. You'd love to host your friends visiting from out of state, but there is hardly room for their luggage, much less them.

Changes In Career

You may have opted for a starter home when you first entered the market because you had a smaller income. Now, thanks to changes in careers or promotions at work, you can afford a home with greater square footage and room for your growing family that will provide the space you need for many years of happy memories.

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Spring is a time of renewal, of new growth and new pathways. To live our lives well, we work toward ways to improve. A balanced way of living is when we feel happy and content: A life of sharing and caring, of gratitude and compassion, of just being.

Every aspect of our lives should be functioning as best as possible. However, in our modern society we have exposure to many factors that can hinder our health. We may find ourselves getting tangled in a web of multiple symptoms and conditions that affect our daily lives. Science has shown that negative thoughts and emotions trigger stress hormones in the body that often drain energy, reduce performance, and inhibit mental clarity, which can also show up as physical or postural imbalances.

We are living in a fast-paced world and want quick answers to fix a problem, but it may not address the underlying issue. When seeking solutions to gain balance and to support our mind, body and spirit, we often tend to underestimate the importance of a holistic approach. Integrative health and wellness are a form of healing that considers the person as a whole and emphasizes the connection of mind, body, spirit, and emotions.

A few simple changes to your daily lifestyle can begin a more balanced approach to live life well. Try these simple and easy steps to start a routine. Mindfulness - Gratitude - Be active - Meditate - Eat healthy foods - Focus on positive relationships – Do acts of kindness - Get creative - Let Go – Clear your mind - Release any negative thoughts - Try to be in the Now.

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Staff Picks Of The Month

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***To Sleep in a Sea of Stars* by Christopher Paolini, recommended by Dennis**

Kira Navarez has had a lifelong desire is to make contact with and study another intelligent species. While exploring an ancient relic on an uncolonized planet, the dust around her begins to move. The story moves quickly to an all-out assault on humanity's very existence.

***NFL Football: A History of America's New National Pastime* by Richard C. Crepeau, recommended by Louise**

This book gives a complete, concise history of the sport from its early days through the so-called "new NFL," focusing not so much on individual players as on management styles and development as a mega-bucks industry. Plus, at the end there's an NFL 100 All-Time team compiled by coaches, executives, players and the media.

***Is This Anything?* by Jerry Seinfeld, recommended by Karen**

This is a collection of favorite jokes that Jerry Seinfeld has collected since 1975. If you like his standup comedy, you'll love this book. Check out the audio from the Greater Phoenix Digital Library; it's Seinfeld himself reading his jokes and worth the listen!

***Librarian Tales* by William Ottens, recommended by Leah**

In this book you will get a behind the scenes look into library life. You'll see the ups, the downs, and all the glory of a library. William Ottens tells his story of how he became a librarian and also shares stories of others who have had experience in this field: the good, the bad, and the ugly. If you love your local library, then you just might enjoy this tale of wonders.

***Outlawed* by Anna North, recommended by Megan**

This alternate-history Western follows one young woman branded a witch and her life as an outlaw with a gang of women and their gender-nonconforming leader known only as "the Kid." It's a fascinating demonstration that no matter how oppressive society's expectations can be, those on the outside can still seize their own destinies and forge their own dreams.

***A Comprehensive Guide, Botanical Art Techniques* by the American Society of Botanical Artists, recommended by Louise**

There is a certain sick fascination for those of us who can't draw with books like this. They make it look so easy! Just get the right tools and follow these techniques, and voila! You've painted a perfect peony. Can that really be all it takes? After studying the book, I believe that anyone who is willing to invest the time can, in fact, learn to make botanical drawings and paintings. The book's secrets are its detailed description of tools and its practical tutorials. For those who want to hone their skills, this book is a must. For the rest of us, it is a mouth-watering catalog of what others can do with the tools we use to make our marketing lists. It also helps explain why artists' studios are so crowded, and what some of the puzzling equipment is.

***Grief Is the Thing With Feathers* by Max Porter, recommended by Megan and Vicki**

A combination of Faust meets Neil Gaiman, this slim novel captures grief's many emotions as told through the voices of Dad, the Boys and Crow following the death of the boys' Mum. Crow is a scavenger and philosopher who vocalizes in the bathroom because "he likes the acoustics" and "find[s] humans dull except in grief." Vicki listened to the audiobook twice before reading the book; she says "the written form is much more tender than the audio, dominated by Crow - the snarky, salacious trickster brilliantly portrayed by narrator Jot Davies."

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Garden Club

The Gold Canyon Garden Club has been meeting monthly via ZOOM. Two or three members do plant spotlights each month and we get a great opportunity to ask questions about the success others have growing plants in the South West and in their homes. We have seen and heard about a decades old Christmas Cactus, still thriving, that a daughter inherited from her mother. The Rosemary bush, a Thevetia Tree, the slipper plant, a South African desert Rose called Adenium multiflorum, Lantana and Valentine Emus have all been great plants for the desert. Two of these are beautiful but have poisonous sap as in the Adenium multiflorum. All parts of the the Thevetia tree are poisonous so be alert to where and what you plant.

As Garden Club members we have access to ZOOM meeting presented every Wednesday this Winter by the Pacific Region of the National Garden Club, Inc. Different types of Container Gardens for Garden Show presentations were discussed. There were great ideas and a background source for horticultural design.

Friends of the Butterfly Garden on Alameda Avenue have received grant money from the National Garden Club, a business donor and other donors to trim back the overgrown shrubs and trees, install new irrigation and plant pollinator friendly plants. The "Friends" have trimmed and installed new irrigation and now will make a plan to restock the Butterfly Garden. Feel free to stop by and check our progress. We're next to Dinosaur Park's parking lot.

We are preparing the 2021-2022 year and encourage anyone in the Gold Canyon community to join us. Find us on Facebook at Gold Canyon Garden Club. We usually meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM but we will respond to your questions about our meeting times and programs.

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This is a family recipe that my mom and aunt used to make. Serve it warm to get the best flavor!!!

INGREDIENTS:

- 10 slices of bacon, diced 2/3 c vinegar
- 1 c chopped onion 2 Tablespoons sugar
- 2 Tablespoon flour 2 ½ teaspoons salt
- 1 1/3 c water ½ teaspoon pepper
- 8 c of cooked potatoes, cut in cubes or sliced (about 9 medium potatoes)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cook bacon until almost crisp, then add the onions and cook until onion is slightly browned. Add flour and stir until well blended. Combine the water, vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper. Gradually add to the bacon/onion mixture and stir until mixed in well. It will thicken a little. Add the cooked potatoes and mix thoroughly. Cover tightly and cook slowly on low heat for 20 minutes. Turn off heat and let stand 2-3 hours before serving so it can marinate. Refrigerate leftovers and reheat to enjoy the next day!

BEEF STROGANOFF

Juicy strips of beef smothered in a sour cream mushroom gravy - a quick dinner everyone will love!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1.2 lb boneless rib eye (or boneless sirloin or beef tenderloin – I don't recommend beef round steak, skirt, flat iron or hanger steak too tough)
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1 large onion (or 2 small onions), sliced and then quartered
- 10 oz white mushrooms, sliced thick
- 3 Tablespoons butter
- 2 Tablespoons flour
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 Tablespoon Dijon mustard (optional)
- 2/3 cup sour cream
- Salt & Pepper to taste

SERVING:

- 8-10 oz egg noodles (or rice if you prefer)
- Chopped chives, for garnish (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Flatten steak to about 1/3" thick. Slice into thin strips (cut long ones in half), discarding excess fat. Sprinkle with a pinch of salt and pepper. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over high heat. Scatter half the beef in the skillet, QUICKLY spread it with tongs. Leave untouched for 30 seconds until browned. Turn beef, leave untouched for 30 seconds to brown. Immediately remove onto a plate and cover. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil and repeat with remaining beef. Turn heat down to medium high. Add butter, melt. Then add onions, cook for 1 minute, then add mushrooms. Cook mushrooms until golden. Scrape bottom of fry pan to get all the golden bits off (this is flavor). Add flour, cook, stirring for 1 minute. Add half the broth while stirring. Once incorporated, add remaining broth. Take pan off burner and add sour cream and mustard. Stir until incorporated. Put back on burner and bring to simmer, then reduce heat to medium low. Once it thickens to the consistency of pouring cream (3 to 5 minutes), adjust salt and pepper to taste. Add beef back in (including plate juices). Simmer for 1 minute, then remove from stove immediately. (If you leave on stove longer, it will overcook the beef). Serve over egg noodles or rice, sprinkle with chives if desired.

Courtesy of RecipeTinEats

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE COOKIES

If you love brownies, you are going to love these cookies!!!

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 squares Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate or 4 squares Unsweetened Baking Chocolate
- 6 Tablespoons of Butter 1 ¼ c sugar
- 3 eggs 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 c flour 1 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt 2 c chopped walnuts

INSTRUCTIONS:

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Microwave the chocolates with the butter in a large bowl for 2 minutes; stirring half way through. Mix until smooth. Stir in sugar until blended. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Add the flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in the walnuts. Drop by rounded tablespoon 1 1/2" apart on a parchment lined cookie sheet. Bake 12 minutes or until set. DO NOT OVERBAKE! Cool 5 minutes on sheet, then remove cookies to cooling rack until completely cooled. Store in an airtight container.

Makes 3 dozen cookies.

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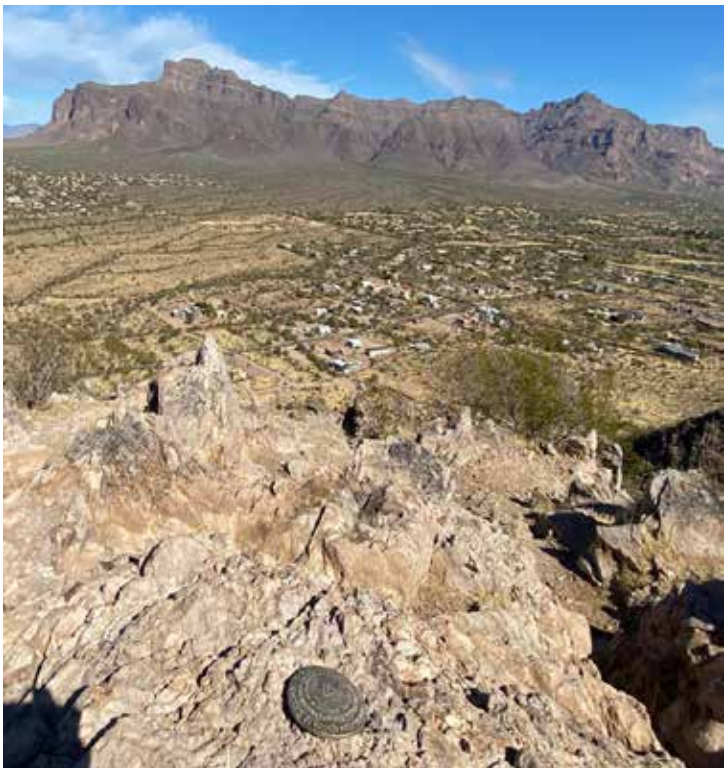
GOLD CANYON STRONG *Events*

Gold Canyon STRONG held a contest where people could submit any form of creativity whether a drawing, a video, poem, etc. about what they love about Gold Canyon.

Congradulations to Bonnie Rigsby, first place winner of 6 winners that all sent a poem in print and also sent it to us in the form of a YouTube video.

Our upcoming event, **Try Something New starts on Sunday, March 7th.** We'll be offering courses instructed by our Gold Canyon or surrounding community members. This is to try and get people to share their talents or to learn new skills. We ask that people refer to our website to learn more and to register. *https://goldcanyonstrong.wixsite.com/community*



Winning Poem by Bonnie Rigsby, Owner of Let Your Soul Breathe LLC

The gems in Gold Canyon's crown are far too many to mention, but I'll focus on some favorites that demand my attention.

Our Gold Canyon neighbors look out for one another, much like the "olden" days, and our community shows their support in many warm and loving ways.

This paradise called home shows us endless scenic beauty, and our residents take pride in caring for it, knowing its their civic duty.

A short drive away you'll find Lost Dutchman's Treasure Loop, and we're equally blessed to cherish majestic spires on our beloved Supes.

Although wildfires in 2020 came in like runaway trains, Gold Canyon's community faith endured, while selfless firefighters extinguished the Superstition flames!

Gold Canyon is ever evolving into a more diverse kind of place, from Millennials, spiritualists and families, to "snow birds" from various states.

A hop, skip and jump from our Apache Junction friends, convenience is close enough for comfort, while the rural living and natural beauty never ends.

Our dearest Sherriff Lamb keeps local residents in check, while providing safety education to prevent unnecessary wrecks.

He strives to keep us safe from those who aim to harm, and when he needs extra eyes out there, our community happily and helpfully swarms.

Gold Canyon is a small town with about 11,000 souls, and the deep community heart you'll find here should be every city or town's goals.

A rural town with a hometown feel, and after a brief ride to Canyon Lake, you can use your rod and reel.

We're close in proximity to Tortilla Flats, Salt River Canyon or Top of The World, and local veterans display their flags, proudly unfurled.

The best of rockhounding, business, nature and art fairs, and you can tell that the local residents here truly do care!

Close enough to nature to witness God's majestic creation daily, while coyotes, lizards, road runners, javelinas and hawks visit playfully.

Some of the best views around and a mountain so sacred, the locals surely know.

There's no better place to find peace with its amazing sunset glow.

Ancient history is still present and honored at Hieroglyphics Trail, and many embrace the mighty challenge of Flat Iron's steep, rocky veil.

A place for a bike ride, watching birds, relaxing or finding beautiful rocks, Our Gold Canyon's endless charms will knock your feet right out of your socks!

The Wave Cave shows us the beach, as it sits amongst our desert jewel, And you can't help but sit in wonder and awe as you sit in nature's beauty school.

On cloudy days, the mystery and lore of this magical mountain comes to life, And you can feel the vast energy is so thick and powerful, you couldn't even cut it with the sharpest knife.

Yoga on the golf course and sunshine galore, a blend of nature, fun and family allows residents to score.

A historic, rural small town weds the spiritual mecca of Arizona's Southeast, As Gold Canyon's story continues to unfold, it's intriguing to say the least!

Silly mountain provides a workout and families there always thrive, as they climb and share walking meditations with the sheer joy of being alive.

Peralta's sights are genuine treasures, and the "Wow factors" and views along the way can't verbally be measured.

Rodeos are close by with our dependable and gentle horse friends, keeping the old west, cowboy town feel that I hope never ends!

In Gold Canyon we honor our Apache friends and salute their tribal history.

We embrace the stories, traditions and legends that add to our little town's mystery.

From grooving' with Santa to Gold Canyon Strong, in the arms of our "hometown hug" is where I belong!

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM AROUND THE AREA

We want to highlight **YOUR PHOTOS**! Email me at *editor@mansurdesign.com.*

LIMIT 2 PHOTOS PER PERSON.

Canyon Lake by Deborah Keith

Flat Iron by David Czaplicki

Sunrise in Apache Junction by Jeanne Jones

Blooming Aloe by John Soper

Snow Sprinkled on the Superstitions by Jennifer Jarvis

Four Peaks and Roosevelt Lake Photo by Dave Leach

Heaven On Earth by Michele Noel

Coyote by Laura Day

Great Horned Owl by Jane Benner

The Rain on the Superstitions by Donna LaVoie

Is it Spring yet? Round-Tailed Ground Squirrel by John Soper

Blue Herron flying over a feeding Egret at the Salt River by Brian Ericson

Bobcat in the tree in our backyard by Stephanie Wiltz

I want to come in by Tammy Norris

Cardinal by The Collins Family

Backyard Visitor by Dennis Rook

Harris Hawk drying off after the Rain
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Near Jacobs Trail by Adam Zaharchuk

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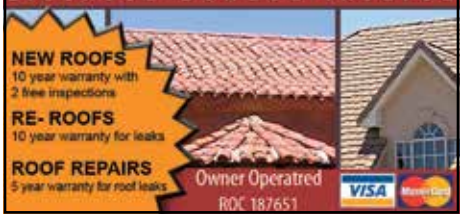
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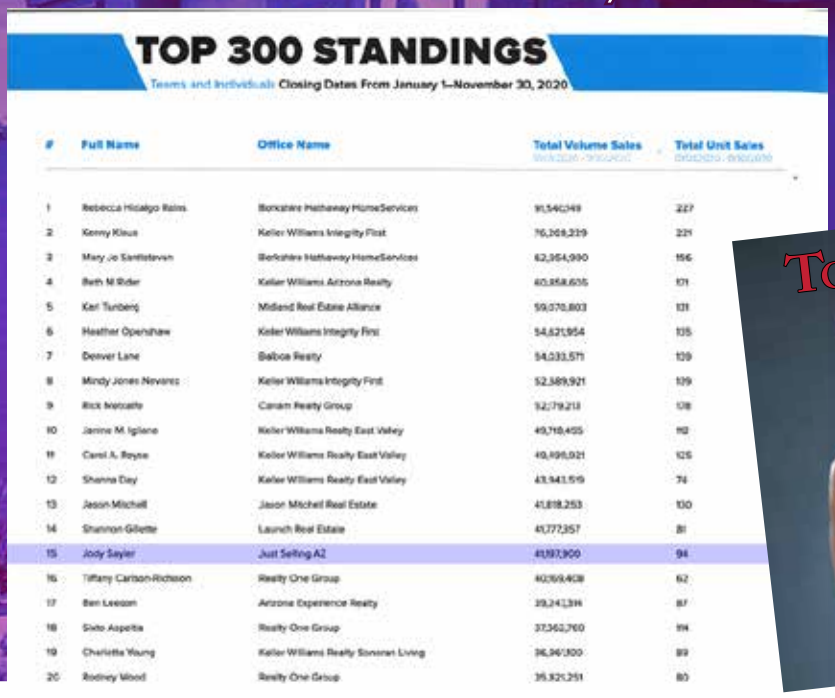

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2	Kenny Klaus	Keller Williams Integrity First	$1,269,239	221
3	Mary Jo Santistevan	Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices	$2,954,990	156
4	Beth M Rider	Keller Williams Arizona Realty	$1,858,635	151
5	Keri Tunberg	Midland Real Estate Alliance	$1,070,803	131
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7	Denver Lane	Balboa Realty	$1,033,571	109
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9	Rick Metcalfe	Canam Realty Group	$2,179,213	178
10	Janine M Iglane	Keller Williams Realty East Valley	$1,718,455	112
11	Carol A. Reyna	Keller Williams Realty East Valley	$1,895,021	125
12	Shanna Day	Keller Williams Realty East Valley	$1,941,519	74
13	Jason Mitchell	Jason Mitchell Real Estate	$1,818,253	100
14	Shannon Gillette	Launch Real Estate	$1,777,357	81
15	Jody Sayler	Just Selling AZ	$1,187,909	94
16	Tiffany Carlson-Richson	Realty One Group	$2,159,408	62
17	Ben Leeson	Arizona Experience Realty	$1,241,314	87
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